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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Even though I live in the heart of the tech explosion in San Francisco, as a consumer I currently have virtually no choice when it comes to a high speed internet connection. We are always promised more and faster options, but they have never arrived. I chose and used a competitive telephone and DSL provider for many years with the hope that they would eventually be able to bring higher speed connections. They offered much better customer service and better rates when I started using them. As my connection speed needs increased, I found my only choice was with the cable company. The competitive services have forced the big providers to improve their services and prices.

Please do not pursue actions that will further limit broadband competition. Many areas of the country are like mine that even now have little or no choice when it comes to internet connections. Without some competitive pressure rates inevitably rise and service deteriorates.

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